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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

  
PATRICK O'GARA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM  
2016 TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE FOR  
HOLLYWOOD BOWL  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Request to approve revisions to the 2016 Hollywood Bowl season maximum and minimum ticket price schedule proposed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. Revisions to Hollywood Bowl's ticket prices for the 2016 season are based on the annual review of prices.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.
2. Approve revisions to the 2016 Hollywood Bowl season maximum and minimum ticket price schedule proposed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, as provided in the resolution. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to execute the attached resolution.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (Association) has submitted its proposed schedule for maximum and minimum ticket prices for the 2016 Hollywood Bowl season as required by the Operating Agreement between the County of Los Angeles (County) and the Association.

The Association seeks to increase ticket prices, as outlined in Attachment I, to accommodate

increased production, labor, marketing, and artists' costs. It should be noted, however, that the Association in some instances is recommending to maintain prices. The Association has developed a price schedule that keeps tickets reasonable and competitive with other similar venues in Los Angeles County.

The Hollywood Bowl ticket increases are based on a six-tiered structure which includes Tuesday and Thursday Classical, Wednesday Jazz, Friday Pop, Saturday Pop, Sunday Pop, and Sunday World Music performances. Forty percent of all tickets (6,913) are at proposed prices of \$28 or less (\$30 or less on Sunday World and \$34 or less on Saturday). Twenty five percent of all seats on Tuesday and Thursday Classical (4,646) are at proposed prices of \$16 or less. Sixteen percent of all tickets on Wednesday Jazz (2,730) are at proposed prices of \$14 or less.

The Association maintains the tradition of offering \$1 tickets for Tuesday Classical, Wednesday Jazz and Thursday Classical performances on the 380 top benches of Hollywood Bowl. In addition, Box seat ticket prices reflect unique benefits at Hollywood Bowl and there are no other comparable outdoor venues that offer these benefits. Due to changing sales patterns, prices could vary for some concerts closer to the performance date (higher or lower), though the minimum and maximum prices within each concert category will not change. This practice is implemented by most major arts and sports organizations in the Los Angeles community.

The Association has submitted the following 2016 season fee increases for the Board's consideration:

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#### Hollywood Bowl Gala Benefits:

The Association proposes a 2.8% increase, with the minimum price of \$25 and the maximum price increasing from \$182 to \$190.

#### Parking:

The Association proposes no increase for general parking. The maximum price of \$50 will remain the same (valet parking). The minimum parking price will remain the same at \$1.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The proposed recommendations will further the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness / Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), by increasing revenues, enriching lives through cost-effective activities, and creating affordable, accessible, and quality activities to the surrounding

community.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended actions will not have an impact on the County's General Fund. On June 22, 2004, the Board approved a 30 year Operating Lease between the County and the Association for the operation and maintenance of Hollywood Bowl. The new Operating Lease eliminated the Annual Net County Cost contribution and stipulated that the Association reimburse the County for all operating and maintenance expenses incurred at Hollywood Bowl via monthly rent payments. In addition, the lease established the Hollywood Bowl Improvement Fund, primarily earmarked for capital expenditures, equipment and services or supplies for Hollywood Bowl.

The total funds in the Hollywood Bowl Improvement Fund for 2016 are estimated to be \$949,660 and will be used for capital expenditures, equipment and services and supplies for Hollywood Bowl. This includes approximately \$28,000 in additional funds which will be generated by the recommended ticket price increases.

### **OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT**

The recommended actions will not impact the Department of Parks and Recreation's operating budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Operating Lease between the County and the Association requires that the Board approve changes to pricing schedule for tickets at Hollywood Bowl after a noticed public hearing. The Board last approved changes to the ticket prices on September 23, 2014.

In accordance with Section 50402 of the Government Code, these changes may be approved by a resolution of the Board.

The proposed fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under: Exception No. 2 Section 1 (e) (2), Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and; Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4), Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval.

The complete proposed pricing schedule is outlined in Attachment I.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 66018 of the California Government Code, prior to adopting a new fee or approving an increase in an existing fee, a local agency shall hold a public hearing. In accordance with Section 6062(a) of the California Government Code, notice of the hearing shall be published. The County is in compliance with the requirements of these sections.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The proposed actions are for the purpose of: (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, and/or (2) purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment or materials, and/or (3) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas. Therefore, the proposed actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080 (b) (8) (A) (B) (C) of the Public Resources Code.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The increases are not anticipated to have a significant impact on services at the affected facilities.

**CONCLUSION**

Please forward three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Should you have any questions please contact Aram Pirjanian at (213) 738-2844 or [apirjanian@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:apirjanian@parks.lacounty.gov), or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or [kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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Enclosures

c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Interim County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

# Attachment I

	Los Angeles Philharmonic Association	Hollywood Bowl	2016 Ticket	Prices					
	Tuesday and Thursday Classical			Wednesday Jazz	Sunday World Music				
	2015 Ticket	2016 Ticket	Increase/ (Decrease)	2015 Ticket	2016 Ticket	Increase/ (Decrease)			
	Prices	Prices		Prices	Prices				
Pool Circle	144.00	149.00	\$5.00	146.00	151.00	\$5.00	147.00	151.00	\$4.00
Garden Boxes	110.00	113.00	\$3.00	113.00	117.00	\$4.00	114.00	117.00	\$3.00
Terrace Boxes	95.00	98.00	\$3.00	98.00	101.00	\$3.00	100.00	103.00	\$3.00
Side Boxes	95.00	98.00	\$3.00	98.00	101.00	\$3.00	100.00	103.00	\$3.00
Ramps	55.00	56.00	\$1.00	58.00	60.00	\$2.00	60.00	62.00	\$2.00
D & E	45.00	46.00	\$1.00	45.00	47.00	\$2.00	49.00	51.00	\$2.00
G2 & J2	45.00	46.00	\$1.00	45.00	47.00	\$2.00	49.00	51.00	\$2.00
Superseats	55.00	56.00	\$1.00	58.00	60.00	\$2.00	60.00	62.00	\$2.00
F & K	33.00	34.00	\$1.00	35.00	36.00	\$1.00	40.00	41.00	\$1.00
M & N	30.00	31.00	\$1.00	33.00	34.00	\$1.00	34.00	35.00	\$1.00
L & P	23.00	23.00	\$0.00	25.00	25.00	\$0.00	29.00	30.00	\$1.00
R, S, T	16.00	16.00	\$0.00	22.00	22.00	\$0.00	25.00	26.00	\$1.00
Q & U	11.00	12.00	\$1.00	14.00	14.00	\$0.00	24.00	24.00	\$0.00
W	8.00	8.00	\$0.00	9.00	9.00	\$0.00	17.00	18.00	\$1.00
V & X	1.00	1.00	\$0.00	1.00	1.00	\$0.00	13.00	14.00	\$1.00

	Friday & Sunday Pop			Saturday Pop			Special Events		
	2015	2016		2015	2016		2015	2016	
	Ticket	Ticket	Increase/	Ticket	Ticket	Increase/	Ticket	Ticket	Increase/
	<u>Prices</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
Pool Circle	177.00	182.00	\$5.00	182.00	189.00	\$7.00	\$320.00	\$330.00	\$10.00
Garden Boxes	138.00	142.00	\$4.00	143.00	149.00	\$6.00	\$320.00	\$330.00	\$10.00
Terrace Boxes	121.00	125.00	\$4.00	126.00	131.00	\$5.00	\$216.00	\$223.00	\$7.00
Side Boxes	121.00	125.00	\$4.00	126.00	131.00	\$5.00	\$216.00	\$223.00	\$7.00
Ramps	64.00	66.00	\$2.00	68.00	70.00	\$2.00	\$123.00	\$127.00	\$4.00
D & E	57.00	59.00	\$2.00	62.00	64.00	\$2.00	\$123.00	\$127.00	\$4.00
G2 & J2	57.00	59.00	\$2.00	62.00	64.00	\$2.00	\$123.00	\$127.00	\$4.00
Superseats	64.00	66.00	\$2.00	68.00	70.00	\$2.00	\$123.00	\$127.00	\$4.00
F & K	42.00	44.00	\$2.00	47.00	49.00	\$2.00	\$91.00	\$94.00	\$3.00
M & N	36.00	37.00	\$1.00	40.00	41.00	\$1.00	\$86.00	\$89.00	\$3.00
L & P	28.00	28.00	\$0.00	33.00	34.00	\$1.00	\$74.00	\$77.00	\$3.00
R, S, T	25.00	26.00	\$1.00	28.00	29.00	\$1.00	\$59.00	\$61.00	\$2.00
Q & U	23.00	23.00	\$0.00	25.00	25.00	\$0.00	\$59.00	\$61.00	\$2.00
W	17.00	18.00	\$1.00	21.00	22.00	\$1.00	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$2.00
V & X	13.00	14.00	\$1.00	17.00	17.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$2.00

	2015		2016	
	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum
Accessible Seating	\$143.00	\$1.00	\$149.00	\$1.00
Hollywood Bowl Gala Benefit	\$182.00	\$13.00	\$190.00	\$25.00
Summer Sounds	\$16.00	\$11.00	\$16.00	\$11.00
Parking (standard sized)	\$50.00	\$1.00	\$50.00	\$1.00

vehicle, buses and  
limousine are double)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED INCREASES IN TICKET PRICES  
AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the matter of increasing ticket prices at Hollywood Bowl. Said hearing will be held on September 22, 2015 in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

The Board of Supervisors will consider and may approve the following proposed fee changes:

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Para informacion en espanol, favor de llamar al telefono (213) 738-2952.

Patrick Ogawa  
Acting Executive Officer  
Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE TICKET PRICES  
AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement Number 74998 between the County and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association executed on June 22, 2004 requires the Association to submit its proposed maximum and minimum schedule of ticket prices to the Board for approval; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County's interest to maintain the high standards expected by the public at Hollywood Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Association has submitted its proposed schedule in accordance with the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, these increases will help offset operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the increases to the pricing schedule will allow for Hollywood Bowl to provide high caliber events which is in the public interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval for fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 50402, the County has the authority to charge for use of park and recreational facilities as may be provided by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted a noticed public hearing on the fee increases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California as follows:

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association may make the adjustments to the maximum and minimum ticket and parking price schedule only as outlined in "Attachment I" entitled "Los Angeles Philharmonic Association Hollywood Bowl 2016 Ticket Prices."

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 22nd day of September, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



Patrick Ogawa, Acting Executive Officer-Clerk  
Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los  
Angeles

By

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary Wickham  
Interim County Counsel

By

Principal Deputy County Counsel